

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma, comprising:

a glove body, said glove body having an inner volume and an outer surface, said outer surface having an impact area;

a device for reducing the force of a blow transmitted at impact, said device including a fluid absorbent, compressible material, said material disposed adjacent said impact area and in said inner volume of said glove body;

wherein said material maintains a predefined shape when in an uncompressed state;

a first conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end opening into ambient atmosphere; **and**

a first unidirectional valve coupled to said first conduit;

a second conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end opening into ambient atmosphere;

a second unidirectional valve coupled to said second conduit.

Claim 2. (*Original*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 1, wherein said glove has a wrist area and said first conduit opens into ambient at said wrist area.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 1, wherein said glove has a wrist area and said second conduit opens into ambient at said wrist area.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 1, wherein said first ~~conduit has unidirectional valve~~ is an intake valve ~~positioned therein~~.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 1, wherein said second ~~conduit has unidirectional valve~~ is a pressure release valve ~~positioned therein~~.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 1, wherein said material is a rubberized foam material.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma, comprising:

a glove body, said glove body having an inner volume, an outer surface and a wrist area, said outer surface having an impact area;

a device for reducing the force of a blow transmitted at impact, said device including a fluid absorbent, compressible, material, said material disposed adjacent said impact area and in said inner volume of said glove body;

a first conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end opening into ambient atmosphere at said wrist area, said first conduit including an intake valve positioned therein; and

a second conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end opening into ambient atmosphere at said wrist area, said second conduit including a pressure release valve positioned therein.

Claims 8-9. (*Canceled*)

Claim 10. (*Original*) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 9, wherein said material is a rubberized foam material.

Claim 11. (New) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma, comprising:

 a glove body, said glove body having an inner volume and an outer surface, said outer surface having an impact area;

 an inflatable device formed of a resilient material, said resilient material having a predetermined shape defining an internal volume, said predetermined shape of said resilient material being compressible;

 wherein said resilient material maintaining said shape when in an uncompressed state;

 a first conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end in communication with ambient atmosphere; and

 a second conduit having a proximate end in fluid communication with said material and a distal end in communication with ambient atmosphere;

 a first unidirectional fluid valve being disposed at the distal end of said first conduit, said first unidirectional valve allowing ambient atmosphere into said first conduit;

 a second unidirectional fluid valve being disposed at the distal end of said second conduit, said second unidirectional valve allowing fluid to pass from said second conduit into the ambient atmosphere;

 said second unidirectional valve having a predetermined operational pressure threshold;

wherein said second unidirectional valve releases fluid upon said predetermined operational threshold is reached

whereby a reduction in the force of a blow transmitted at impact of said glove body by expelling fluid via said second unidirectional valve upon compression of said inflatable device, and said inflatable device restoring said predetermined shape upon removal of said compression, causing a fluid intake via said first unidirectional valve.

Claim 12. (New) A boxing glove adapted to reduce head trauma according to claim 11, wherein said second unidirectional valve is a pressure release valve positioned at said distal end of said second conduit.